

Anticipatory Notice of Application Period

Flood Mitigation Assistance

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Later this year, FEMA is anticipated to announce the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant program for FY 2023, which includes Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). Funding amounts are based on Congressional appropriation.

Projects submitted for consideration must be consistent with the goals and objectives identified in Iowa's State Hazard Mitigation Plan and the approved local mitigation plan for the jurisdiction in which the activity is located. The FMA grant is a competitive program that provides an opportunity for communities to initiate projects that provide mitigation of damages to NFIP insured structures. Repetitive Loss and Severe Repetitive Loss properties are prioritized for funding. Eligible mitigation project activities include (but are not limited to):

- Capability- and Capacity-Building (C&CB) activities, which enhance the knowledge, skills, expertise, etc., of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following sub-categories: building codes activities, partnerships, project scoping, hazard mitigation planning and planning-related activities, and other activities;
- Community Flood Mitigation Projects
 - These are local level drainage/flood control projects to improve drainage and reduce flood risk for communities and can include numerous activities such as drainage pipes, pump stations, topographic grading, floodwalls, marsh restoration, and other nature-based solutions. A community flood mitigation project must protect NFIP-insured structures, even if also protecting non-NFIP-insured structures.
- Individual Structure/Property-Level Flood Mitigation Projects
 - These mitigate the risk of flooding to individual NFIP-insured structures and give priority to properties meeting SRL and RL definitions. Examples include Property Acquisition and Structural Demolition or Relocation, Structural Elevation, Dry Flood Proofing, Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Facilities, and Mitigation Reconstruction
- Mitigation Planning consistent with 44 CFR Part 201 (only for flood hazard)

The HMA FY 2023 Hazard Mitigation Assistance program guidance provides critical information about eligibility, the National Evaluation Process, and other key aspects of each program. The guidance can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-assistance-guidance>

Applicants with proposed projects located in a FEMA-identified Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) are eligible for funding only if the jurisdiction in which the project is located is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Funding & Cost Share

This is a cost share grant program which means that awarded grants will be funded as follows:

- Federal (FEMA) share of total eligible costs – 75%
- State share of total eligible costs – 10% (for eligible subapplicants)
- Local share of total eligible costs – 15%
- FEMA may contribute up to 100 percent federal cost share for Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties within Individual Property Flood Mitigation Projects.
- FEMA may contribute up to 90 percent federal cost share for Repetitive Loss (RL) properties.

FEMA will establish the application deadline for States to submit their application. In order to meet FEMA's deadline, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) must receive local intent to complete sub-applications by **July 31, 2023**. Submitting a Notice of Intent at an earlier time could be advantageous as more time is allowed for HSEMD to provide application development and technical assistance. HSEMD is required to review, provide comments on, and to rank each local application that it submits to FEMA.

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